

The Pocahontas Times.

If thou would'st read a lesson that will keep thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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Save death; but those who doubt or hesitate

Condemn to failure, penury and woe,

Seek me in vain and uselessly implore—

I answer not and return no more."

—John J. Ingalls.

COUNTY SKETCHES.

IMPEACHING A WITNESS.

David and Jonathan Pinckbeck were brothers. They lived on adjoining farms and were about fifty years old. They were both disliked by their neighbors as being unscrupulous and grasping and one was about as unpopular as the other.

The neighbors had an inexhaustible supply of anecdotes relative to small meannesses which the mention of their names would provoke. David had put lard in the butter he sold; Jonathan had marketed a sheep for freshly killed mutton, when in fact it had crawled under the pig pen and died.

David had sold a cake of beeswax with a large stone in the center. Jonathan had painted the white spots in a pole cat's hide black to make it bring a better price.

David knew Jonathan for what he was but he had a pretty good opinion of himself. He knew that Jonathan was not to be trusted but he thought himself a pretty decent fellow. Jonathan thought about the same of David and himself.

They both were members of a religious society and were of the kind that classified sin as being those acts of amusement or dissipation committed by thoughtless malefactors who are only seeking the pleasures of life and who have no special malice towards anybody. Consequently whenever a wine bibber, a card player or dancer intruded his evil and hateful presence, the Pinckbecks would thank the Lord that they were better than he. But stealing was something and they both indulged in it together with a good deal of bitterness and hatred.

They also hated each other. The fuss had started after their father had died and before he was buried. Each thought he saw a disposition on the part of the other to grab in the division of the estate and before they succeeded in making a division they had cried on the shoulders of their friends who were doing everything they could in a genteel way to make them fight.

The feud that started then had been kept up, religiously ever since and the two families living on adjoining farms got along only tolerably well together.

There had been a dispute between the two brothers over the division line between the two farms. The middle meadow was to be divided as near equally between them as possible and they never have been able to agree on a division line. Finally three men were chosen and they came and staked off a line through the field which pleased Jonathan but which caused David to raise a great howl. He had been done to a turn, and he made so much noise and as no arbitration papers had ever been signed, and as David's arbitrator was boldly claiming that there had been foul play, and chiefly because the stakes were there to show that Jonathan had got the lion's share of that meadow—Col. Jenkins, Jonathan's lawyer advised a compromise.

After much talk they agreed on a certain line through the meadow, built a rail fence on it and drew up a partition deed calling for the fence as the partition line for the two parts.

"Commencing with a stake on the eastern boundary and running with the fence as built to a stake on the western boundary."

Jonathan glad to get the matter off his hands hitched up his spring wagon and took his family and his dog Tige to visit his father-in-law who lived at the other end of the county. He was gone four or five days and the first thing that he noticed when he came back was that the partition fence had been travelling towards his house in a lateral direction, and had moved up some fifty yards clear across the field. The corner stakes had also been uprooted and journeyed with the fence.

There had been a heavy rain but Jonathan thought he could see where the fence had formerly stood, and he found where a stake had been pulled out of the ground. His charge was that some night his brother Dave, and sons had come and moved the fence rail by rail to its new resting place. He could also see certain rails that were on top of the former fence in the bottom of the new fence. But the neighbors whom he brought to view the ground for the sake of their testimony were singularly blind and positively refused to be certain about anything. All they would say was that they knew the fence's present position and if it was ever moved again he might count on them. Jonathan scratched his head at this and saw that it was too late to move it back some dark night, so he sued Dave in the Circuit Court.

Jonathan swore that the fence had been moved and Dave swore that it was at the place agreed upon and gave a good deal of history about the arbitration and general character of his older brother that was very edifying to the audience.

Jonathan then produced his trump card. With great exultation he put on the stand one of the most respected and truthful men on the Creek. After much hesitation and no little squirming he said that he was acquainted with David Pinckbeck's reputation for truth and veracity in the neighborhood in which he lived; that the same was bad; and that he would not like to believe him on oath. After which Jonathan's lawyer turned him triumphantly over to the counsel for David.

That counsel dropped David all together and asked him about Jonathan's reputation. Amid the spluttering objections of Jonathan's counsel, the witness almost joyfully swore that he would not believe Jonathan on oath either, and the witnesses following said the same thing, and succeeded in fouling the Pinckbeck escutcheon so that the strain has never yet been wiped out. And it is liable to remain there until one of the family builds a church, becomes a foreman of the grand jury, has a fight or distinguishes himself in some other way.

The jury being in doubt decided to let the fence remain where David had moved it.

Notice to Taxpayers.

All lands will be placed on the Delinquent List in thirty days if owner has not sufficient personal property in County to satisfy all taxes.

All persons owing capitation or other taxes for the year 1902, will be put on the delinquent list unless paid by June 10, 1903.

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Work on the C. & I. R. R. from here to Durbin is progressing slowly, owing to the numerous slips at different points of the line as well as the sinking of the fills which had to be leveled up. Work trains now pass through the upper tunnel and go as far as Jones place above the forks of the Glad.

The working force from here have about eleven miles of track to lay which with the few miles to be laid by the force from Durbin, will have the road with that of the C. & O. thus giving us a direct route from here to Charleston. A great deal of work is to be done after the rails are laid, in the way of ballasting with rock and cinders.

In conversation a few days ago with those who have had years of experience in the construction of new roads. Our informant predicts that regular trains will be running from here to Durbin before the last of August. Our informant now an aged and trusted employee of the railroad company, has spent the greater portion of his life in building railroads and knows whereof he speaks. Whenever the road is opened up for travel, many who go from here as well as those from Cumberland over the B. & O. to Charleston will be diverted this way as being the shortest and most direct route, the distance from here to Charleston, by way of Durbin and Ronceverte being approximately about 240 miles, while the route via Parkersburg is nearly 300 miles.

The C. & I. railroad will open up a new territory of vast virgin forest, besides joining together the two counties, Pocahontas and Randolph whose interest have always been identical with each other, being united by family ties and other considerations. When the C. & I. R. R. is opened for traffic about four hours ride will land us in the growing town of Marlinton, while now to undertake it over country roads will consume two days travel which is quite a difference. We always predicted to our Pocahontas friends while enjoying their hospitality, that they would get a railroad down either Greenbrier river or Knapps Creek much sooner than they would by the Williams river route. Although we are no prophet, we are glad to know that Pocahontas friends are connected to the outside world by iron rails, and within three months will be united with Randolph county by the same kind of iron bands. We want to be on the first train when it runs through to Pocahontas, that we may extend congratulations to our old time friends, Rev. W. T. Price, Geo. P. Moore, Henry and Amos Barlow, Capt. Siple and E. A. Smith and will rejoice with them in the prosperity that has overtaken the good people of Pocahontas county, and of which none will do so more cheerfully than this writer.—Randolph Enterprise.

Huntersville Notes.

Mrs. H. M. Lockridge and daughter, Miss Ethel, left last week to visit her sister in Oregon.

Miss Anna Lee Ervin of Browns mountain has been visiting Mrs. H. R. Warren for some time past.

Mrs. Zane Moore was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Herold of Driscoll Saturday and Sunday.

Chas. A. Grose of Richmond spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grose of this place.

Mr. E. A. Friel and wife left for Cass this week.

Miss Anna Patterson who has been visiting her brother, Mr. Harry Patterson of Monterey has returned home.

Miss Vergie Reid is spending a few days with Mrs. O. D. Warwick.

Mrs. G. W. Ginger was visiting on Knapps Creek last week.

Mr. W. H. Grose made a flying trip to Covington a few days ago.

Mrs. A. B. McComb who has been very ill for some time past is able to be out again.

Mr. Henry McComb has been very sick for a few days with grippes.

Mrs. J. A. Read visited her mother Mrs. Rachel Friel last week.

Mrs. Price Moore and Mrs. Andrew Herold of Frost spent a few days with Mrs. Zane Moore on their return from the Presbytery.

Fisher Brothers have the contract for the building of the new church on Knapps Creek.

Dunmore Items.

And then we had a good rain. Mrs. E. N. Moore Mrs. J. C. Price got home Thursday.

Mrs. Geo. E. Swecker and family visited his brother Captain C. B. Swecker this week.

(Capt. S. A. Gilmore, Anderson Chestnut and Mr. Williams of Highland county was over this week trading with our merchants.

Our merchants have been taking in over a thousand pounds of wool a day for two weeks.

Our road commissioners have been going over the roads.

Dr. N. A. Whitelaw and daughter of Highland spent a few days in town.

The hot weather is bringing a good many people to the Lion Lithia Springs.

Mr. Ed. McLaughlin, was in town a few days last week, also Mr. Dick Beard.

C. B. & K. D. Swecker sold a very handsome monument last week for the late Allen Galford and his wife, this will be one of the finest in the county.

Dr. Stout is in the town doing business. Ma. Poon.

Knapps Creek.

Nice rains and everything growing.

Cut worms are playing havoc with the corn and gardens.

Farmers are planting more corn than usual. B. F. Hamilton cut down part of his sugar orchard and planted it in corn.

J. C. Harper has been polishing up the public roads.

Quite a little industry is going on in the way of lumbering and building. Corbet & Bros. have finished a large set at H. N. Moore's and will begin sawing for P. M. Harper soon. W. G. Ruckman will also have a set.

Two dwelling houses and two or three barns will be in course of erection soon.

The foundation is being laid and the carpenters are at work on the Presbyterian church.

A large amount of wool has been taken to market from this neighborhood. G. M.

Notice of Dissolution.

The co-partnership existing between R. W. Hill, J. F. Hill and T. A. Sydenstricker, under the firm name and style of J. F. Hill and Co., was dissolved on the 1st day of March, 1903, by mutual consent, by article of agreement duly made and entered into on that date. The undersigned partner at that time retired from said firm.

Given under my hand this 24th day of April, 1903

T. A. SYDENSTRICKER.

Interesting Reminiscences.

The presence of the Rev. J. C. Brown at the recent meeting of Presbytery recalled a facetious reminiscence of the late Dr. Newton Craig, remembered by many of our readers. The two were much like Damon and Pythias in their college friendship. Craig graduated a year sooner than Brown, and one of the letters, written by Craig, mailed at Fishersville and posted for Lexington where Tom Plunkett was postmaster, had this direction:

"To Lexington I send this letter, In care of Thomas Plunkett, A wife would make him live the better."

"And now, dear Tom, if you're in town, Please send it up to college, And tell the boys its for 'old Brown,' A chap that's getting knowledge."

Another incident recalled was this: Booker Washington was in the service of Mrs. Gen. Ruffner, Malden. This lady was from Connecticut and a teacher. She was much interested in the mental improvement of all colored persons in the reach of her personal influence and gave Booker lessons while he was in her employ. Rev. J. C. Brown, then pastor of the Malden church, had Mose Lacy, another colored youth, in his service. Booker and Lacy were close friends and in the evenings after their work was done would meet in Mr. Brown's kitchen for study. Booker was somewhat farther advanced than Lacy. The intimacy thus formed still exists as Mose Lacy is treasurer of Tuskegee Institute. Thus it appears that two of the most distinguished of the negro race received their start in Mr. Brown's kitchen.

In a Northern Prison.

Rev. J. S. Wickline gave a lecture on his war experience in a Northern prison at the Methodist church Friday night. He entered the confederate army at an early age as a member of Edgars' Battalion, and served two years before being captured, which happened soon after the battle of New Market. He fell into the hands of the Pennsylvania Bucktails, perhaps the best soldiers of the Union Army, who treated the Confederates with the respect due a brave foe who had met them in open fight on many a battle ground and had proven themselves worthy of the highest respect. These soldiers, The Bucktails, were men from the Alleghany mountains of Pennsylvania, and had volunteered for three years and had seen hard service. Their time would have been up a few days after the battle of New Market occurred. In this battle the Bucktails were sacrificed and many who had been making preparations for home found death or imprisonment instead.

The prisoner's treatment at the hands of the ninety day men, however was as inhuman as the soldiers had been kind, and they were stolen from and abused shamefully.

Mr. Wickline was finally taken to Elmira, New York, where the discomforts were manifold. The crowding together of so many men and the lack of food superinduced disease. Thousands of men laid down and died of despair. The hard northern winter and want of shelter also laid many a gallant Southerner low. The grey-back, "which could not fly, but crawled and dropped," was omnipresent, and was no small source of discomfort.

The lecturer referred briefly to the death of his own father who also was a prisoner of war at the same time. But for an almost miraculous intervention of Providence, he himself would have followed his father on the silent way. He was sick and had given up when he was sent back to Virginia with other sick men.

Happy Hooligans.

The Freakish Conglomeration of Happy Hooligans issued freak invitations to a recent dance held in Marlinton. Only men are eligible to membership who are unmarried. A confirmed bachelor was surprised to receive the following pass made out to himself and fourteen children:

SELEBRASHUN

Lately one of the "Happy Hooligans" was reported on The sick list and for a minute it was said the SwitCh would be turned skyward, but since its being currently told that said Happy kept the strake track and is reKuvering we feel like selebratin with a BIG Musikle in rear of Woodsmens hall upstairs Kum up about 8 o'clock tonight.

Commissioner's Sale of Land

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, made at the April Term, 1903, thereof, in the chancery cause of Ujah Hevener v. John Grogg and others, the undersigned special commissioners will on

Tuesday, June 16th, 1903 at the front door of the courthouse of said Pocahontas County, proceed to sell by way of public auction to the highest bidder the following real estate situated in Greenbank District of said County:

A tract of 310 acres, being the same land conveyed to John Grogg by John W. Slaton and others on the 28th of January, 1893, by deed of record in said county in Deed Book 23 at page 276. The forty acres sold to Ida M. Grogg and the timber sold to Smith & Whiting is excepted from this sale.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash. W. A. BRATTON, L. M. McCLINTIC, Special Commissioners.

I, J. H. Patterson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the above named special commissioners have given as required by said decree.

J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk.

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The Western Union Losing Ground.

The Pennsylvania Railroad and the Western Union Telegraph Company are now engaged in a war, resulting from the controversy between the Wabash and the B. & O. The Western Union contract with the Pennsylvania has expired and the Telegraph Company was ordered to take its lines and poles from the railway company's right of way by a certain date. This was not done and an army of men have since been at work destroying the lines. It is estimated that \$750,000 worth of property is ruined. It seems that the Goulds, who control the Wabash, own a controlling interest in the Western Union, and the blow at the Western Union is for the Goulds.

Grievously Tormented.

Down in Indiana they are telling a good story on a young foreman of a printing establishment. He is an expert in his chosen work and a very popular young man in the social gatherings of the small city he calls home. Recently he has been showering attentions on a minister's daughter. This devotion is a bit new, and the other morning, with a couple of friends, he sailed forth to hear the father of his enamored preach. The text turned out to be "My daughter is grievously tormented with a devil," and since then life has been made miserable for the young foreman.—Ex.

An Old Engineer Killed.

A wreck on the C. & O. rail road a mile east of Charlottesville was occasioned by the spreading of the rails. The train was making up lost time and the track had been effected by recent rains. Engineer Thomas D. Hall a resident of Richmond, lost his life. He was a distinguished character in C. & O. History as the engineer who ran the first through train on the C. & O. When the line was first opened he brought a tank of water from the Ohio and poured it into the James, thus emblematically uniting the two rivers.

Strayed.

Strayed from Mrs. Minnie Galford's farm near Marlinton, a very large blue and white spotted yearling heifer, about the first of April. I will give a liberal reward for information leading to recovery. J. H. GUNFITH, Cass, W. Va.

Order of Publication.

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas County, ss: At rules held in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, on the first Monday in May, 1903.

I, E. Erwin, Guardian of Mary M. Erwin, Georgiana S. Erwin and Frank L. Erwin, Plaintiff,

vs. Mary M. Erwin, Georgiana S. Erwin, Frank L. Erwin, E. N. Moore, Sheriff and as such Adm'r of Sarah E. Erwin; J. E. Erwin and Laura M. Plapts, Defendants.

The object of the foregoing suit in chancery, is to sell for the benefit of the infant heirs of the said Sarah E. Erwin, a tract of 100 acres of land on Alleghany Mountain, in Pocahontas County West Virginia; and to set aside as null and void, a deed made by said Sarah E. Erwin to Laura M. Plapts, pretending to convey said land, dated Dec. 17, 1889 and of record in the clerks office of the County Court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, in deed book No. 20, at page 172. This day came the plaintiff by his attorney; and on his motion, and it appearing by affidavit filed, that the defendant, Laura M. Plapts is a non resident of this State, it is ordered that she do appear within one month after the date of the first publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect her interest in this suit.

TESTE: J. H. PATTERSON, CLERK, W. A. BRATTON, sol.

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